



Murrayfield Primary School Newsletter

SCHOOL GLOW BLOG - <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/murrayfieldps/>

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December 2016

The excitement in Murrayfield Primary is building as Christmas quickly approaches with lots of activities planned for the coming weeks. Please see 'Dates for Diary' for latest calendar of Christmas events.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in making Murrayfield Primary School a great learning place for all our pupils.

Remember to visit our school blog for the most current information about our school:

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Catriona Macrae (Head Teacher)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WINTER 'BUGS'

In recent years we have seen a large number of sickness, vomiting and diarrhea outbreaks in school and the nursery during the winter months and these have caused service disruption with staff shortages, school closures and many pupils being absent from class. To prevent the spread of winter bugs here are our school procedures:

- Affected children and staff should remain absent from school until they have been symptom free for **48 hours**
- Affected children will be cared for and supported until collected by their parents/carer
- Parents/carer will be contacted as soon as possible and requested to collect their child
- School will continue to promote robust hygiene procedures – hand washing with warm water and soap

By following our procedures, advised by **West Lothian Council and the NHS**, we will reduce the impact winter 'bugs' have on the whole school. Please support us by ensuring you have provided the school with current emergency contact details.

Ipayimpact – School Dinners and Excursions

Thank you to everyone who is successfully using Ipayimpact system to order and pay for school lunches and excursions. Please ensure payment is made for any meals or excursions ordered. School procedures for failure to pay are:

Procedures:

- Where a parent/carer has not provided a pupil with money to purchase a school meal, then catering staff will provide a lunch on that day **only**.
- Should the parent/carer fail to pay the sum due the following day, the school will telephone the parent/carer stating the problem and advising that a school meal will **not** be provided in future unless a payment is made.
Parent/carer must provide a packed lunch for their child.
- Where a parent/carer has incurred a **debt of less than £10** in the Ipayimpact system, the school will contact the parent by telephone and also send a reminder e-mail via the Ipayimpact system.
- Where a parent/carer has incurred a debt **greater than £10** then the school will issue a letter from West Lothian Council

Remember school lunches cost £1.97

Dates for Diary Key 'Christmas' Dates for 16/17

Christmas Jumpers Morning Jak's Den

Friday 2nd December

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 7th December
ORDER NOW!!

Christmas Fair

Wednesday 7th December
6.00-7.30pm
Entrance £3

Nursery Christmas Concert

Thursday 8th December
am and pm performance

Choir to TESCO

Thursday 8th December

Bathgate Academy Touring Pantomime

Monday 12th December - am

Christmas Concert and Nativity Inkeeper's Breakfast - P1-2 Christmas Variety - P3-7

Tuesday 13th December - 1.30pm
Wednesday 14th December s. 9.30am
Tickets on sale

Christmas Party P1

Thursday 15th December
Primary 1 - am

Rookie Rockstars Concert

Thursday 15th December s. pm

Pantomime

Howden Park Centre
Friday 16th December
Bus leaves 9.00am!

Christmas Parties

Monday 19th December
Primary 3 and 2 - am

Tuesday 20th December

Primary 5 and 4 - am
Primary 7 and 6 - pm

Wednesday 21st December

Nursery am and pm

END OF TERM

WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER
3.20PM

*Please note some dates and times are subject to change.
Visit our school glow blog for up-to-date information.*

Murrayfield Primary
Parent Council Meetings
6.15pm

Everyone is welcome to attend!

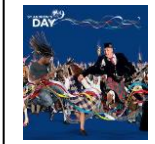
Wednesday 11th January
Wednesday 22nd February
Wednesday 19th April
Wednesday 24th May

Our Parent Council regularly meet to discuss school issues and organise fundraising events. As a parent/carer of a Murrayfield pupil you are a member of our Parent Council.

Please come along and support our enthusiastic team!

Murrayfield Primary
Parent Council Fundraisers
2016-17

Christmas Fair
Wednesday 7th December
Fitness Night
Wednesday 1st February



Thank you to everyone who attended the St Andrews Ceilidh on Saturday 26th November. The Alan Crookston Ceilidh Band provided the music for a very entertaining evening. Well done to all the dancers. We raised £741.00 which will go towards purchasing 'Buddy Benches' for the playground. A huge thank you to our Parent Council for organising a great night.



Christmas Fair
Wednesday 7th December
6.00-7.30pm
Murrayfield Primary School
Raffle, Tombola, Christmas Craft, Face Painting and many more stalls
Raffle and tombola donations welcome!!
Please send any donations to school as soon as possible

WINTER READY 2017

Schools and severe weather

In the event of closures schools will contact parents/carers in the normal way via Groupcall. Parents/carers should ensure that their school/nursery has **up to date contact information**. In addition changes will be notified via the School Closures page, Facebook, Twitter and local media.

School closures

The Head Teacher has responsibility for undertaking a risk assessment in the event of severe weather or building difficulties. There are several factors which may impact on this decision including: the building itself and whether there is water and power, access to the school and decisions of school transport operators; and whether there are enough staff available to ensure that the school can open safely; and whether it is safe to send children home during severe weather. The Head Teacher takes the decision to close a school to pupils in consultation with a member of the senior management team in Education Services.

Travelling to school

In extreme weather conditions such as snow, parents/carers should carry out a risk assessment as to whether they consider it safe for their child to travel or walk to school. Parents/carers should then inform the school of their decision at the earliest opportunity.

GLOW

All West Lothian pupils have access to the education community GLOW. Pupils who can access a computer at home, at libraries or Community Centres, can access study material via GLOW. The private website has study material and activities. West Lothian Council GLOW allows teachers and pupils to communicate over the internet in a safe and secure way. Teachers can post work and lessons for pupils. Pupils can submit completed work. Features include safe and secure 'chat rooms' where teachers can answer pupil questions, and where pupils can help each other out and share learning experiences. We will also use our GLOW BLOG to sharing learning activities and information.

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Visit West Lothian Council website for further information on WINTER READY 2016/17 <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/winter>



Murrayfield Primary
Biscuits and Blether

Would you like to find out more about learning and education?

Then come along and join us for a cuppa and a blether.

Once a month following a Friday morning assembly we will be serving refreshments and sharing our learning. In an informal setting we will provide you with bitesize sessions on various educational developments. We hope this will provide you with more information which will help you to support your child's learning.

WATCH THE LINK BELOW TO SEE WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO GET INVOLVED

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOhZ6U5yaXA>

Biscuits and Blether
Dates



27th January - hosted by P1

Friday 24th February

Friday 31st March

Friday 28th April

Friday 26th May

Friday 30th June